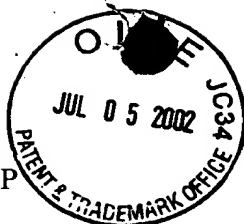


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to an action on the merits, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-19, 21-23, 30-36 and 39-92, without prejudice.

Please amend Claims 20, 24-29, 37 and 38 to read as follows:¹

20. (Amended) A data transfer control device for controlling transfer of audio/visual data to a receiving node connected with a local network from a transmitting node connected with a global network, the data transfer control device being connected between the local network and the global network and comprising:

an establishing unit configured to establish a connection in the local network;

¹A marked-up copy of the amended claims is attached.